[*Translation*]

Funds Allotted to Institutions by CAPART

*504. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications submitted to the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology by various institutions and societies for grants for rural development during 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) the number of institutions and societies provided grants and the amount of grant provided to them; and

(c) the amount utilised by these societies out of the grants received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The number of applications received during the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 was 2987 and 2411 respectively.

(b) The grants were provided to 751 and 941 institutions and societies during the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively. The amounts of grant sanctioned to these institutions and societies was Rs. 20.49 crores and Rs. 17.34 crores during 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively.

(c) CAPART released Rs. 11.57 crores and Rs. 6.69 crores to these societies in respect of projects sanctioned during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively.

[*English*]

CCS (Recognition of Association) Rules

*505. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have since reframed CCS (Recognition of Association) Rules which were struck down by the Supreme Court long ago;

(b) if so, when the rules were reframed;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) when the rules are likely to be reframed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The Supreme Court had struck down Rule 4-B of CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1955. As CCS (Recognition of Service Associations) Rules, 1959 had been framed inter-alia with reference to the said Rule 4-B, these rules are being treated as inoperative. The fresh recognition rules have not been finalised so far, as certain issues have wider implications and the Government have not been able to take a final view.

(d) Efforts are being made for early finalisation.

[*Translation*]

Telecast and Broadcast of Programmes in Sanskrit

*506. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of programmes in English, Hindi and other Indian languages telecast and broadcast by Doordarshan and Akashvani respectively, during the last one year;

(b) whether the interests of the viewers and the audience are kept in view while telecasting and broadcasting these programmes;

(c) the time given to Sanskrit programmes telecast and broadcast during the last one year;

(d) the details of the efforts made through Akashvani and Doordarshan for publicity, promotion and popularisation of Sanskrit;

(e) whether the Government propose to set up a Sanskrit Cell in Akashvani and Doordarshan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The percentage of programmes in English, Hindi and other Indian languages telecast by Doordarshan during 1990 is as follows:

Hindi	40.4%
English . . .	33.4%
Other Indian Languages .	26.2%

As there are a large number of All India Radio Stations in the country, broadcasting programmes in different languages, this information is not kept centrally in a compiled form.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The total time devoted to telecast/broadcast of Sanskrit programmes during the year 1990, was 23 hours (approx.) and 400 hours (approx.), respectively.

(d) Akashvani and Doordarshan broadcast/telecast programmes in different languages and dialects only from the communication point of view.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Population of Bihar Covered by TV Stations

*507. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total population of Bihar is not covered by the existing Television Stations in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to cover the entire population of this State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir, total population is not yet covered.

(b) and (c) Steps have been initiated to increase the population coverage in the State from existing about 86% to 92% (including population in the fringe of the service range of the existing network). Further improvement in TV service depends upon availability of resources.

Fertilizer Subsidy

3651. SHRI H. D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the fertilizer subsidy given during the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plan periods, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): Fertilizer subsidy is not disbursed State-wise. In the case of indigenous fertilizers, the fertilizer subsidy is paid direct to the manufacturers and in the case of imported fertilizers, the difference between the cost of imports, handling and transportation and the sales realisation at the prices fixed by the Government, is borne as subsidy by the Government. The fertilizer subsidy paid by the Government during the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plan periods was as given below:

	Subsidy paid on indigenous and imported fertilizers (Rs. crores)
6th Plan. . . .	4454.76
7th Plan. . . .	13727.47
8th Plan (1990-91) . .	4389.06